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DEMOBILIZATION OF S. A. T. C. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1919

In common with several hundred other collegiate institutions, Middlebury College is suffering abrupt changes made necessary by the action of the government in ordering rapid demobilization of the S. A. T. C. While the inauguration of military work for the college under the S. A. T. C. was accompanied by many inconveniences, it was undertaken with the greatest desire on the part of all connected with the college to render the utmost possible service to the government in the emergency which confronted the country, and it was with regret that the officers of the college learned of the necessity of discontinuing the work. It was felt that the most difficult part of the readjustment had been successfully made and that two-thirds of the year remained in which splendid results could be shown. Just what the result of the unexpected action of the War Department in discontinuing the corps will be upon the institution cannot be stated until definite information is received as to what the government proposes to do in the way of keeping its contract.

Many of the men in the S. A. T. C. are much unsettled in their plans, and the officers of the college have made every possible effort to assist them in readjusting themselves to the new conditions, particularly in the case of those who have a desire to continue their work in the college. All of the academic courses taken by S. A. T. C. men are to be accredited courses. Each student will be credited by the college with the grade he received while working under the military regime. Students who have met the customary requirements for entrance will be permitted to enter upon regular work at the beginning of the second term. Others whose needs require it will be given examinations for entrance in one or more subjects December 30 and 31. S. A. T. C. men whose work has been so broken up by guard duty, kitchen police, and other activities, so that they have not gained credit in the fall term in their academic work, will be given the privilege of beginning work afresh at the commencement of the second term. Many introductory courses in departments will be begun for the benefit of these students, such as Chemistry 1, Biology 1, Physics 1, Political Science, Economics, and Social Science. Recitations will begin Thursday, the 2nd of January, and all of the work for the remaining two terms will be on the regular academic basis.

The conditions under which S. A. T. C. men could make the change from their present status to that of academic students were explained Saturday evening at a meeting in the gymnasium by Doctor Collins, Professor Cady, and Dean Wiley. About $4,000 in scholarships is available and will be used in assisting needy students. Opportunities

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YOUR HELP NEEDED!

It is hardly necessary to explain to the readers of The Campus what the War Service Committee is, or what it is trying to do. Anyone who has been interested in Middlebury College and familiar with the student life here since the war began, has known of the work of the Committee and that it has sent thousands of cheering messages to the boys in the trenches, in the home camps, and on the sea; that it has supplied them with Testaments, the weekly Campus, periodicals, and general reading matter; and that, in other ways, it has endeavored to make their hard life a little easier to bear, This year, as last, the Committee is trying to keep in continual touch with every Middlebury man in the service of his country. For example, though we are prohibited because of lack of ship room from again sending over Christmas boxes of chocolates, writing paper, knick-knacks etc., we hope to forward at holiday time small reminder to help warm the cockles of the heart of every fellow who has gone out to fight for us.

As to the matter of correspondence—our chief means of service—we are now sending out fifty letters a day, three hundred and fifty each week. Paper and postage cost us from a third to a half more than last year. For these, and other expenses, we shall need $500 to pay our bills to July 1st, 1919 and, as it is our rigid rule not to run into debt, this sum must be fairly visible on the horizon, or the work of the Committee must cease.

We hope too that the generous alumni and friends of the College reading this note, besides the other ways in which they are helping to keep up the morale of the soldier life and to end the great war, may be inclined to join with the faculty and students in making up our yearly budget. Send all contributions to Miss Laura M. Fales, Treasurer of War Service Committee, Middlebury, Vt. Besides the cash subscriptions of one year since, a number of former students pledged themselves to monthly payments.

Myron R. Sanford,
Chairman.

DR. BRIDGMAN'S ADDRESS

Dr. Howard A. Bridgman of Boston, Mass., editor of the "Congregationalist" delivered the address at the vesper service Sunday afternoon in Mead Memorial Chapel. Dr. Bridgman's theme, "What Has God's Object Been In The Four Year's War Just Ended?", was made all the more interesting by the fact that the speaker had but recently returned from an eight week's tour of war-scarred France and Belgium.

Dr. Bridgman's statements in which he endeavored to make clear his impressions of the great war were based upon the fallacies of the standpoint taken by Germany and her allies. In commencing he emphasized the fact that "God would have us learn our relations with fellow-men", pointing out the absurdity of Germany's never-to-be-forgotten doctrine, "Might Is Right" the disproving of which has cost the world an exhausting toll of life and money.

"Never before, in the history of mankind" said the speaker; "has the line between right and wrong been so clearly defined." By way of illustration he called to mind the innumerable atrocities committed by the Huns from the moment of their unwarranted invasion of Belgium in August 1914 down to the sinking of a defenseless fishing craft in the North Sea shortly before the cessation of hostilities. For this reason, namely that it is such an easy matter to condemn the beaten foe, Dr. Bridgman urged that we maintain that spirit of aloofness which has been the means of keeping the morale of our armies at

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THE SOPHOMORE HOP

The Sophomore Hop, the first formal dance of the present college year was held Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 27, in McCullough Gymnasium. The affair was of a strict military nature but nevertheless lacked much of the pomp of past years. Nearly 100 couples were in attendance.

In view of the proposed disbandment of the Student's Army Training Corps the Hop came at a most appropriate time furnishing those men who will soon be leaving college an insight into Midd's social activities in peace time.

The members of the '21 class who managed the affair were: Valentine, chairman, Swan, Satterlee, Leacott, White and Palmer and Lucy Calhoun, Isabel Bardwell, Carleta Ottman, Janet Taylor and Ruth Ashworth.

Lieut. Miles H. Jones, Professor and Mrs. P. N. Swett, Professor and Mrs. P. C. Voter, Professor and Mrs. L. J. Hathaway were patrons.

COLLEGE PREACHERS

Doctor Collins has announced the following list of preachers for the college pulpit for the immediate future: December 8, Doctor Harlan, President of Sioux Falls College; December 15, Dr. Hubert C. Herring, D. D., General Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society; January 5, Rev. C. H. Hamlin of Amherst, Mass.; January 12, Prin. Alfred E. Stearns of Phillips Andover Academy; January 19, Dr. George E. Horr, President of Newton Theological Institution; January 26, Dr. C. O. Judkins of Glens Falls, N. Y.

"Y" ENTERTAINMENT IN GYM S. A. T. C. PLANS DISCUSSED

On Saturday evening Middlebury enjoyed another of the several pleasant entertainments provided for by Mr. Gooch in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Before an audience comprising almost the entire student body of the college, Mrs. L. T. Gray and Miss Kittie Parsons of the New England Entertainment Corps gave an interesting song recital and reading in the Gymnasium.

Mrs. Gray, who was the first to appear, delighted her listeners with a very brilliant repertoire of songs including "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," "The Rose of No-Man's Land" and several others, all of which were particularly well rendered. She also led the assemblage in the singing of popular songs. Professor L. J. Hathaway accompanied her at the piano.

The readings of Miss Parsons, which were entirely original were very well received. The numerous witticisms which filled her depiction of "A Football Game," "Entertaining a Guest at Sunday Dinner" literally brought down the house at times. Although it has not been definitely decided it is quite probable that other entertainments of a similar nature will be given in the future.

Following the entertainment Professors Collins and Cady and Dean Wiley spoke briefly to the S. A. T. C. men concerning the methods of admission into Middlebury College. Dr. Collins put special stress on the advantages and importance of returning to college next term. He stated that credit will be given all S. A. T. C. men on the basis of marks obtained for the work done, and there will be no examinations.

The requirements for admission as regular students were explained by Professor Cady, who urged all in doubt as to their standing to take the examinations which will be given December 30 and 31.

Dean Wiley concluded with a talk on the financial arrangements which have been made for the remainder of the year, and spoke of the possibilities of self-help for students desiring to work their way through college.

PROFESSOR WRIGHT LEAVES

Prof. Charles Baker Wright, who was appointed acting president of the college when Dr. Thomas left to join the service on October 1, has been obliged on account of ill health to give up his work for the present and left Tuesday on a trip for recuperation, accompanied by Mrs. Wright. As was provided by the trustees' action when Dr. Thomas left, Dr. Edward D. Collins was to be acting president in case of Prof. Wright's absence, and he has assumed the duties of the office. Prof. Wright has an indefinite leave, and is expected to be absent for some time. His trip will include visits to a number of places, including Washington, and his old home at Akron, O.

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EDITORIAL

Middlebury faces almost daily changes. It is with a feeling of wonder as to what will come next that we greet each day and it is not strange that under such conditions the student body should be unusually restless and undecided. The question of what to do now fills the minds of many since the S. A. T. C. will be disbanded so soon. Careful consideration is due the answer for upon it depends in a large measure the course of future life. Many plan to leave here for the remainder of the college year, returning next fall to enter as freshmen. This decision is largely due to the fact that they have made but a poor start in their various courses owing to pressure of military duties. To remain and continue the college work next term seems foolish since many could not make credits enough to become sophomores. However this drawback could easly be removed during the first of next year and students continuing their work now could graduate in four years with no more effort than is often necessitated in case of illness.

It is not necessary to stress the importance of a college education but it may be well to say a word of encouragement to those who feel it is impossible to obtain. Quite true the financial condition of many will not permit such a luxury but is it a luxury? Not a few have paid their own expenses for an education of the best type. Is it not worth while?

The women of the college who remained here for Thanksgiving enjoyed a very pleasant day. Mrs. Mills with her usual thoughtfulness served a splendid dinner which was followed by a program of toasts.

In the late afternoon Mrs. Wiley '13 gave one of her delightful sings in Pearsons social hall.

DR. BRIDGMAN'S ADDRESS

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that high standard throughout the four long years of conflict.

From his personal observation, Dr. Bridgman stated that there can be no doubt but that the war has been the greatest boon that Democracy has ever had. Citing the many instances where men of all stations of life and even those of different tongues have allied with each other in the suppression of a common foe he clearly demonstrated how the world's greatest "Melting Pot" has been evolved.

Dr. Bridgman concluded his address by telling of the wonderful part that religion has played in helping the men "Over There" to bear up under the terrific strain of warfare, noting the messages of Generals Foch and Pershing to the American Bible Society in which they accredited the final victory to the strength of prayer.

"BILL" SISTARE IS A VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

A telegram on Saturday brought to Prof. Myron R. Sanford of the War Service Committee at the College news of the death of William M. Sistare of the class of 1915, at his home in New London, Conn., of influenza. Sistare was popularly known in Middlebury during his three years here, having entered in 1913 after one year at Brown. Shortly after graduation he became an instructor in chemistry and economics at St. Stephens College, Annadale, N. Y.

At the time of his death he was in his country's service. Although he had been at the front in France he had recently been assigned as instructor in the Field Artillery Brigade Firing Center at Camp Jackson, S. C.

As the result of a romance which began in Middlebury, he married, about a year ago, Miss Pauline A. Rowland, who was a student here at the same time as he. An incident of his courtship was his rescue of Miss Rowland from drowning in Lake Dunmore when a boat in which she was riding capsized. His bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rowland of Sapporo, Japan.

BASKETBALL

In spite of the discontinuance of the S. A. T. C. the inter-company basketball schedule will be carried out as far as possible. In selecting the five men who are to represent Cos. A and B in deciding the college honors, three platoon teams from each of the two companies will meet each other in a "Round Robin" tournament, the first three nights of this week. Besides serving as a substitute for the annual interclass games these contests will enable Coach Brown to get a line on material for a varsity five.

In addition to the A and B Co. teams, "Gob" Montgomery of the "Ensigns School" has a fast quintet composed of Non-S. A. T. C. men who are anxious to have part in deciding the championship honors. The team will be comprised of the following men: Bolivar, c; Montgomery, r.f.; Lane, l.f.; Judd r.g.; Baldwin, l. g.

Mary Smith '20 has returned to classes after her recent severe illness.

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for work will be provided by Dean Wiley. A considerable number of men have made application for scholarships and work. It is not unlikely that many S. A. T. C. men will enter college as regular students. A special circular has been prepared and sent to the Middlebury men in the service, and letters already received indicate the intention on the part of not a few to return and begin work again at the beginning of the new year.

ALUMNI NOTES

'98. Mary G. Higley of Castleton is visiting friends in Middlebury.

ex-'17. The engagement is announced of Sue Smith and W. J. Pearson of New York.

ex-'96. D. P. Taylor is teaching in the San Diego High School in California.

'97. Mrs. M. D. Whitney died October 21 of influenza. Her husband was of the class of 1897.

'18. Marian Dean and Marguerite Jones visited friends on the Hill over the Thanksgiving recess.

'18. Helen A. Diehl, who has been ill at her home in South Natick, Mass., is slowly regaining her health.

Professor Davison is spending a few days at his home in Cabot, recuperating from nervous exhaustion.

'05. A daughter was born November 13, 1918 to Lora Stickney Mayo. Mrs. Mayo is a member of Alpha Chi sorority.

ex-'20. Robert B. Brown of St. Albans is recovering from a serious attack of bronchial pneumonia which was the result of influenza.

'13. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams (Caroline Buttolph) of Fitchburg, Mass., are the parents of a son, born Wednesday November 27.

'18. Dorothy H. Brown who teaches at Colebrook Academy, N. H., spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in St. Johnsbury. She was accompanied by Helen Clift who teaches at Whitefield, N. H.

'89. Middlebury is to be represented at the world peace conference by Robert M. Collins, who has been chosen one of the Associated Press correspondents. Mr. Collins is at present chief of the London Bureau of the Associated Press. He graduated from Middlebury in 1889, and since then has had a distinguished newspaper career.

ex-'96. Watson Lovell Wasson, M. D., died at his home in Waterbury, Sunday, Nov. 23. Death was due to complications resulting from influenza. Dr. Wasson was the son of the late David A. and Charlotte Wasson and was born in Mineville, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1874. He prepared for college in the Sherman Collegiate Institute at Moriah, N. Y., and entered Middlebury in 1892. He received his M. D. degree from the University of Vermont in 1901 and has had an active career in his profession. He is the author of numerous articles on medical subjects and since 1916 has been superintendent of the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane, at Waterbury. Dr. Wasson was a member of the D. K. E. fraternity.

DR. THOMAS WILL REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES

At the eleventh hour, last week, just as he had taken farewell of many friends in and around New York, Dr. Thomas received notice that under the general orders from the War Department he would not sail for France as previously ordered. The order was one applying to all of the chaplains who had a week before been ordered to France. Following this notice Lieut. Thomas received orders temporarily assigning him to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, which has been a port of embarkation. How long he may remain there is unknown, but prior to his being stationed there he was allowed a five-day furlough which he has spent last week with his family here. He left Friday for Camp Merritt.

It was a keen disappointment to Dr. Thomas not to have the experience of a trip to the front, as every preparation had been made and his notice came almost at the moment he was due to sail. Announcement from Washington that all unattached officers—those not yet assigned to regiments—would be discharged soon, leads to the speculation that Dr. Thomas, who is in the unattached class, may soon receive his discharge, in which event, it is assumed, he would return to Middlebury. On the other hand, army officials in France are said still to feel the need of more chaplains during the demobilization period, and it is possible some chaplains may still be sent abroad.

Everyone at the college assumed last Sunday that Dr. Thomas had sailed, and Prof. V. C. Harrington, presiding at the Sunday evening services, was paying a tribute to Dr. Thomas, when as a matter of fact, Dr. Thomas was himself in the chapel audience.

COLLEGE NOTES

Angeline Simpson '21 had as her guest for the holiday May Leonard of Poultney.

Lieut. Charles Wolfe of West Point Academy visited Ruth Clough last week.

Elizabeth Johnson '19 entertained Carlton Perkins of Newburyport, Mass., over the week-end.

Edith Sibley and Marian Crathern '22 spent the week-end at their homes in Bennington.

Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi announces the pledging of Florinne Pratt '22 of Diamond Point, N. Y.

Lieut. L. I. Bonney, who has been personnel officer at U. V. M. has returned to Middlebury with his wife and son. His early return to his duties as assistant professor of mathematcs is hoped for.

Saturday evening Nov. 30, the members of the Middlebury chapter of Delta Upsilon and their guests, held an informal party and dance at the fraternity rooms in Battell Block.

The rooms were prettily decorated in the fraternity colors and the evening was enjoyably spent in games and dancing. Music was furnished by a college orchestra recruited for the occasion. Between dances refreshments of ice cream and punch were served.

Professor and Mrs. Voter and Mr. Haller chaperoned the party.